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India Should Shoulder Its Own Problems.

PREMIER'S OPINION.

FAKED ARMED ROBBERY.

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SECOND CASE IN KOWLOON.

TRAMWAYS CAUSE OF CONGESTION.

Passengers' Convenience to Be Studied.

HINT TO HOME RAILWAYS.

Rugby, Yesterday. A general survey of the problems referred to by the Indian Round Table Conference to its Federal Structure Sub-Committee was completed to-day. Lord Chancellor Sankey, its Chairman, anticipates that by Monday morning his report representing the maximum measure of agreement reached by the discussions will be in the hands of members of the Sub-Committee, which will meet for preliminary reviews of the report on Monday afternoon. The examination will be continued on Tuesday and it is hoped that the Sub-Committee will on Thursday make its full report to the Conference in committee or to the Plenary Session.

The reports of various other Sub-Committees will by then be available and the Prime Minister, after considering them, will make a declaration of the Government's policy and intention. If the subsequent events follow the course anticipated, the Conference should complete its labours by January 19 or 20.

In announcing the above to the Sub-Committee, Lord Sankey said that although they still welcomed criticism, they felt that the time for construction had arrived. The Government delegates welcomed as warmly as the Indian delegates the very helpful and valuable contribution which Lord Reading made and he himself believed it was along such lines that a solution would be found.

Extreme Limit.

Sir Akbar Hydari, of Hyderabad, said that he entirely agreed with Lord Reading's safeguards, which were in the interests of India herself. He was prepared to recommend to the Nizam to go to the extreme limit of concession provided due provision was made for external and internal peace as well as for the security of the dynasty he represented.

In return he asked the British India representatives not lightly to set aside the objections he had taken to certain aspects of the constitution which had been recommended.

The Maharaja of Biknner said that Reading's speech had caused great satisfaction throughout India. At least 75 per cent. of the Indian State if not more would come into the Federation immediately and soon be followed by others. The Princes wanted to work as willing and co-equal partners with their brothers of British India. The Conference must not, and he prayed God would not fail.

End to Ambiguity.

Lord Peel said that before Conservatives consented to the proposal they must know in detail what it actually was. There should be an end to all ambiguity which might lead to the good faith of Britain being questioned. Dealing more closely with the duties and responsibilities of the Viceroy he said that some power of certification must be reserved in order to carry out with the assent of the Cabinet the ordinary work of legislation. If the Viceroy was to be responsible for the Army he must have undivided control and define the situation in which it was to be used and control its mobility and communications.

It might be required to support the Police and the Viceroy must therefore be kept in close touch with conditions in the Provinces. The Viceroy should also exercise control over the Budget and keep in closest touch with movements of National Finance. He should also preside over the Cabinet and maintain "familiar" touch with affairs. While not wishing to display a critical spirit and excluding no solution, Conservatives wished before the copious stone was put on the building to assure themselves that the foundations were well, truly and harmoniously laid.

Lord Lothian's Article.

Lord Lothian, Liberal supporting the views expressed by Lord Reading, declared that the only permanent foundation for constitutional government was a strong and stable central government.

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Haverá em seguida Cha e dança. Assim de que esta recepção seja revestida do maior brilho possível: Direcção pede a comparecência de todos os Socios e suas Exmas. Familias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

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SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

There was a very encouraging attendance at the first general and inaugural meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, which was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, last evening under the chairmanship of Mr. E. P. R. James.

Mr. G. P. Murphy (temporary secretary, who called the meeting) addressed the gathering as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—It being past the time for which this meeting is called, I will suggest that we proceed to business. I have sent out notices for this meeting to as many Irishmen as possible in the Colony. An agenda for this meeting has been drawn up, copies have been distributed among you and also copies of our proposed articles of association.

In order that our proceedings may be conducted with regularity I propose that a temporary chairman be installed now to conduct this meeting on the lines of the aforementioned agenda.

With your permission, therefore, I will now call upon Mr. E. P. R. James to take the chair.

Mr. James' Speech.

Mr. James then took the chair, and addressing the meeting, said:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me but wish to emphasise that I am chairman for this meeting only, and that during our proceedings, regular and permanent officials will be elected who will be more suitable than I to preside on future occasions.

It cannot but be evident to everyone of us who have resided even for a few years in this Colony the fact that a central secular Irish Association—founded and run on lines, similar to, and for similar motives as the other National Societies of the far-flung British race—is non-existent here, and we might well engender an Irish organisation founded on the soundest principals which we trust will be durable, charitable, hospitable and

in every way foster and encourage the traditions of our race.

Whilst our lack of an organisation has been so long evident, we hope at this meeting we will fill this long-felt need.

That Hong Kong evidently once had such an organisation I have only recently ascertained. I read only the other day that during the administration of Sir Pope Hennessy, a successful Irish function was held on March 17. What was begun fifty years ago might well be carried out today. Your presence here this evening signifies your unqualified approval of this Society.

I have been asked to state that our Society is non-Partisan and strictly secular with the sole motive in view of providing a central Irish organisation which will be able to devote a certain percentage of its income to deserving charities, and on the Irish National Day, will be able to organise a function to which Irishmen may invite their friends and show them a little of that hospitality for which the Emerald Isle is so famous.

Rules Adopted.

The proposed rules of the Society were then put forward and were adopted after considerable discussion while several amendments were made.

Basis of Constitution.

Before putting the rules forward for adoption, however, the Chairman said that he wished to make all the basis of constitution clear to all those present. It was as follows:—

The Society has been organised to draw together members of the Irish race in Hong Kong under whose control and auspices the anniversary of St. Patrick and other national festivals may be celebrated. To assist charitable causes in general and in particular to relieve distressed and deserving countrymen insofar as the funds of the Society will permit.

The Committee.

The committee were elected by ballot, the following gentlemen being chosen to take office:—Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.; Prof. F. A. Redmond, Col. Myles, Lieut.-Comdr. Brown, Dr. Pope, Col. Stokes, Lieut. Mahoney, and Messrs. T. Murphy, B. H. C. Hallows, L. N. Murphy, H. C. Macnamara, G. P. Murphy, E. H. Williams and E. P. R. James.

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	1884	1883
The Clyde	296,554	419,664.
The Wear	99,424	212,360.
In 1884 the Clyde produced	532,379 tons	and the Wear 245,511 tons.

On the occasion of the launch of the Etruria on September 20, 1884, Mr. John Burns, chairman of the Cunard Company, was reported by the Glasgow Herald to have spoken as follows:

He had been told that it was an anomaly in shipowning to talk of bad times and yet build such immense ships, but he thought that the Cunard Company deserved some credit for contracting for ships of great size and power in depressed times, and he believed that the anomaly would cease to exist, as the company which reduced the time in crossing the Atlantic, coupling therewith comfort, which could be obtained in a greater degree in large than in small ships, would ensure success in the long run. There was no courage, he said, in entering upon great enterprises in prosperous times, but he had faith in the future, and confidence that the Cunard Company would hold its own upon the Atlantic; and he felt convinced that such vessels as the Etruria would command the traffic between Britain and America.

It was no easy thing to conduct maritime enterprises, and he would mention as a fact that during the last year the steamships of the Cunard Company had traversed a distance equal to nearly six times that between the earth and the moon — (great laughter) — while 42,000 men, forming the crews of the ships, had been entered and discharged.

The Etruria was built by Messrs. John Elder and Co. at Govan. Her length overall was 520ft., whereas the length of the new Cunarder is expected to be 1,000ft. The gross tonnage of the Etruria was 8,000, which compares with the 70,000 tons spoken of for the new vessel. With her sister ship Umbria, the Etruria beat all existing speed records and attained between 19 and 20 knots.

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At this time the Union of England and Scotland was being painfully negotiated. In it the Scots saw their only means of restoring prosperity. The seizure of the Worcester put them into a quandary. To detain her illegally was an act of war which might prevent the Union; to let her go was an unbearable thought.

Mackenzie found a way out. He trumped up a charge of piracy and murder from the idle talk of some of the Worcester's men and by laying stress on anything that could be made to seem to support the accusation. It began to be said that the Worcester had taken the Africa Company's ship Speedy Return, and murdered her crew. The whole company of the Worcester were arraigned for murder and piracy, though the indictment did not set forth who was murdered or what the piracy was. By threats, lies, and bribery efforts were made to induce the Worcester's men to admit their guilt. Two Indians did so, and the surgeon, in fear of death, told a grand story that seemed

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NEW HEADQUARTERS.

The new headquarters of the Straits Merchant Service Guild at Raffles Quay, Singapore, which were opened by Capt. G. Freyberg, Master Attendant, recently, form an addition to what is rapidly becoming a block of institutional building on that site. Already the Institute of Engineers' Club and the Y.W.C.A. headquarters are elected there, says the Free Press.

Situated overlooking the sea and yet almost in the centre of the town these new Guild headquarters, erected on the site of the old Literate Offices, are admirably and most conveniently placed for the benefit of members enjoying shore leave and are extremely comfortable.

The building cost roughly \$40,000 and is as handsome as its neighbours. The skeleton construction is of reinforced concrete with covering brickwork and the external finish is of special plaster to imitate stone. The enrichments, such as the carvings, are of precast stone matching the other work.

One storeyed, the building boasts two main rooms, both of which are about 47 feet x 27 feet. Downstairs is the billiard room, with a bar and ladies room also, and on the first floor, the lounge with additional writing and card rooms. The floors are tiled throughout and the teak wood-work is tastefully coloured.

The chief thing about the appearance of the front elevation are the four corner towers with large predominating roof over the central mass. From inside, the main view, however, will be along the quay and five arch windows light the lounge giving access to a long balcony.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday January 8.
Benedict, British str., 8,755 tons.
Captain J. H. Peterson, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf, Gibb Livingston & Co.

Chin Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons.
Capt. K. Iishi, from Canton, buoy No. B37.—Ye Tai Hong, Hayang, British str., 1,363 tons.
Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Foochow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S. Co.

Irlsland, British str., 8,487 tons.
Captain E. Blackmore, from Dairen, buoy No. A3.—Bank Line.

Kine Maru, Japanese str., 1,261 tons, Capt. K. Hirashima, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—O.S.K. Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons.
Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, buoy No. C16.—B. & S.

Kwonggang, British str., 1,424 tons.
Capt. H. R. Dobson from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Lycomoon, British str., 1,784 tons.
Capt. E. Holmes, from Swatow, buoy No. B24.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Moncalieri, Italian str., 8,241 tons.
Capt. Gotelli, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Doddwell & Co.

Sauerland, German str., 4,198 tons.
Captain W. Metzenthin, from Manila, buoy No. A16.—Jebens & Co.

Tallyku Maru, Japanese str., 1,804 tons, Capt. H. Fuji, from Canton, "Yamati," Anchorage.—Wada Jimubo.

Tensan Maru, Japanese str., 583 tons, Capt. K. Kajikawa, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—D.K.K.

Tonjer, Norwegian str., 1,949 tons.
Captain H. Rasmussen, from Chilewankoo, buoy No. B25.—Doddwell & Co.

Telman, British str., 2,100 tons.
Capt. J. Thibon, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. Jose Antunes, from Portugal.

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COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	5,273	1st Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
TANDA	6,956	6th Feb.	Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
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CANADIAN PACIFIC COMMANDS.

Captain R. G. Latta's Appointment.

It is announced that Captain R. G. Latta has been appointed to the command of the new 42,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, now completing at Clydebank. It was generally anticipated that Captain Latta would have the new ship, not only because he has a claim by virtue of seniority, but also because he has recently been standing by the ship in the yard to supervise her completion.

He is what might be described as a general service seaman, and a seaman to his finger-tips. Born in 1873, he went to sea first at the age of 13, his first ship being the sailing vessel Arden Craig, and his first voyage a six-month passage from South Shields to San Francisco. After that he had very varied experience before he got his ticket, and afterwards in ships of all types before he settled down in the Canadian Pacific towards the end of 1904, his first billet being as fourth officer of the old Montezuma. The following year he was employed in a similar capacity in the Montreal and a year later as third officer of the Mount Royal, and subsequently in the Lake Erie. After working in the Montrose in October, 1909, he joined as second officer the vessel in which he received his Canadian Pacific training only five years before.

In April, 1915, he was promoted chief officer of this vessel, and afterwards he became in succession chief of the Milwaukee, Mississauga and Metagama, to which ship he was appointed commander from July 26, 1917. After the Armistice he was for a time marine superintendent at Antwerp. He has commanded the Monmouth, and in turn the Sicilian, Grampian, Scandinavian, Montreal, Empress of Scotland and until recently the Empress of Australia.

Other Changes.
The last-named ship goes to Captain E. Griffiths, who had the Empress of France for many years. He was born in 1874 and had his first sea experience in the wonderful little schooners that used to sail out of Port Madoc, later serving in various coasting and ocean-going sailing vessels. When he went into steam he joined the Beaver Company which was then under the control of the Canadian Pacific when it was purchased in 1903.

His first command came in June 1907, the old Milwaukee, and he afterwards had the Montezuma, Montreal, Lake Manitoba, Scandinavian, Metagama and others before finally settling down to the Empress of France in April, 1922. In command of her he carried the Prince of Wales and many other distinguished passengers.

Captain James Turnbull, another very well known Canadian Pacific master, who succeeds him in the Empress of France, is a Liverpool man, who served his time in Iredale and Porter's sailing ships, going to sea in 1889 as apprentice in the Iredale. When he had got his second mate's and mate's tickets he stuck to the firm in various capacities until he received his master's certificate, when he decided to go into steam and joined the Elder Dempster Line. It was quite by chance that he found his way into the Canadian trade through being appointed to one of the Beaver ships, that they were managing, and like Captain Griffiths he turned over with her. A keen R.N.R. officer, his Canadian Pacific service was interrupted by a long spell of special training with the hearty goodwill of the company and he returned in 1906.

His first command came in May, 1911, the Montezuma, and when war broke out he was in command of the Empress of Britain. He did magnificent work during the struggle, particularly in connection with the convoy service, and was confirmed captain shortly after the Armistice. He has done a spell of service as R.N.R. aide-de-camp to His Majesty and is well known in naval as well as Western Ocean circles.

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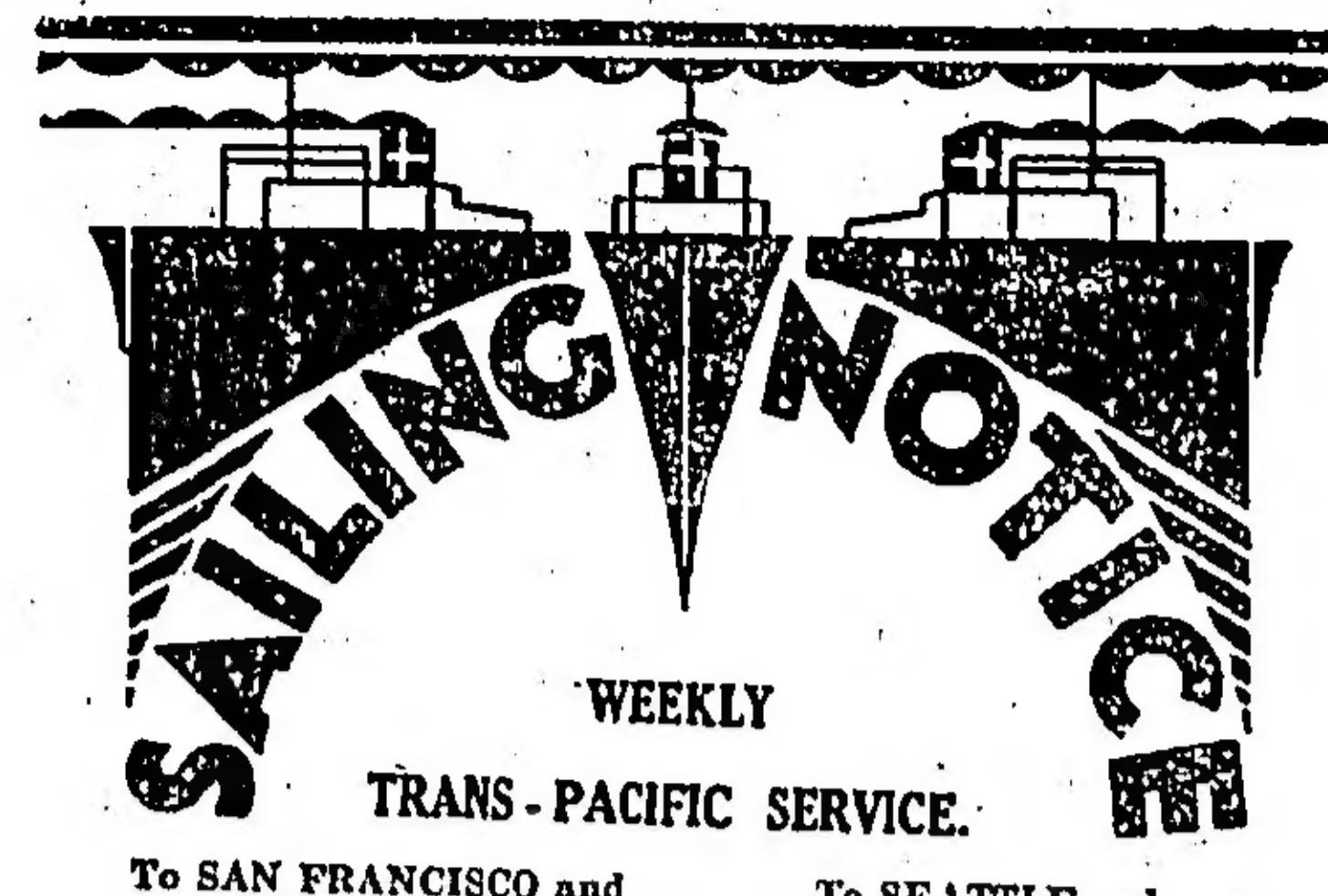
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SLUMP IN SILVER.

According to Mr. Pittman, Chairman of the United States Sub-Committee which is investigating the causes of the decline of Chinese and American trade, the British policy of selling silver in a depressed market was the major cause of the world's trade depression. This is exactly what we said in the *China Mail* on December 11, last year, when we drew attention to the fact that the slump in silver, which is one of the main causes of the drop in the dollar, may be attributed to the efforts of Great Britain to establish the pound sterling in India by dumping on to the world market at any price silver that has been hoarded for years in the interior of India. This dumping approximates 57,000,000 ounces annually, but there remains in India between five to seven billion ounces which will ultimately be unloaded on the world market.

This continued dumping has caused the abnormal fall in the value of silver and China has been the greatest sufferer. We also said at the time that if Great Britain had deliberately set out to even up the score with China for her unwarranted interference with British trade during the strike, which badly crippled Hong Kong, she could not have found a more effective way to revenge herself than by manipulating the silver exchange to the disadvantage of China. On the other hand China seems to have found an equally hurtful method of retaliation and, as a result of the new Chinese tariff on foreign goods over four thousand employees of

large though to provide Chinese employment for the dislocated soldiers. As such such financial transaction would have to come under the Consortium Agreement and bring Great Britain, France and Japan into the mission, the scheme was dropped.

In other words, it is realized in

the United States that any plan for the relief of China which involves a loan must be international in character. Many otherwise meritorious American schemes have had to be abandoned because of the reluctance of American bankers to assume the whole burden of financing China, and the opposition of the Chinese to any proposition that might imply even indirectly a recognition on their part of the Consortium Agree-

ment or their inability to solve their problems without outside assistance. In the face of present day conditions, no American group would be foolish enough to attempt the impossible without the full co-operation of Great Britain and other nations having important commercial relations with China. It would seem that at the moment Great Britain holds the trump cards, but cannot prohibit her Indian subjects disposing of their holdings of silver as they think fit. The Kuomintang is getting a dose of its own medicine.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 61 degrees, compared with 78 degrees on Wednesday.

A small fire occurred about 5.36 this morning at the coal yard of the Mitsubishi Kaisha, Yaumati, a heap of slack coal becoming ignited. Three engines under the charge of Mr. G. Mass turned out but were not obtained long.

A reception will be held in the Club Lusitano this evening at 5.15 in honour of H. E. the Governor of Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barros, and Madame Barrosa, to which the Portuguese community is invited.

Before Mr. Lindell yesterday afternoon the hearing in the Felix Villas murder case was continued. After a coolie had given evidence, to the effect that accused and deceased had had a fight about five months ago, his Worship adjourned the hearing.

Found wandering on the reclamation near the Wan Chai Fire Station, a Chinese mute, about 16 years of age, was found to have a fracture of the left forearm. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, but the cause of his injury was not ascertained.

Mrs. G. Ashwell-Cobban, daughter of Mr. G. A. Woodcock, formerly at the Magistracy, Hong Kong, authoress of "Spaniel Arrives," "De-Ukelele Band," etc., has been elected a member of the Author's Society and was present at their dinner at the Hotel Victoria, London.

The trees on the road between the Police Recreation Club and the Civil Service Cricket Club are being felled, in order that the thoroughfare will be cleared for traffic. The big tree at the corner, near the Monument, which has been considered a danger to motorists, will also come down.

A feature of the concert in the Helena May Institute yesterday was the first appearance locally of the South Wales Borderers Octette, who were heard to distinct advantage in selections which included Welsh carols and sea shanties.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. Sanger (who arranged the concert), and Mr. d'Aquino also contributed items to the programme, which contained an additional "novelty" in the shape of a xylophone solo by Lance-Corporal Richardson.

A DROP TOO MUCH!

CHINESE HAWKER BECOMES A NUISANCE.

A native of Shanghai was this morning charged before Mr. E. H. Williams with having behaved in a disorderly manner whilst drunk.

Inspector W. Shafain said that the defendant was a hawker, who supplied the chink coolies in Robinson Road, with soup and congee. Last night he was evidently drunk and his grievance was that he had not been fully paid by some of the coolies, so he lay on the ground and shouted out. Residents in the vicinity complained and an Indian policeman was sent for and the defendant was taken into custody.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10. with the alternative of fourteen days hard labour.

Canada is finding a new market

for its wheat in Columbia this

being among the first fruits of the

campaign started by the Hon. H. H.

Stevens, Minister of Trade and

Commerce, through the Canadian

Trade Commissioners abroad to

find new purchasers for surplus

wheat.

The question of the chaplaincy

and Archdeacon Swindell's successor

is still unsettled, the decision of the

Archbishop of Canterbury not hav-

ing been received yet.

The Bishop of Singapore expects

to make an announcement shortly.

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The Rajah of Sarawak has made

a gift of \$25,000 towards the build-

ing fund of the Imperial Forestry

Institute, Oxford. The annual re-

port of the Institute states that the

gift will greatly expedite the start

of building operations. In the

meantime the School of Forestry

continues to provide accommodation

for a great part of the Institute's

work.

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Dr. J. C. Tull, Government

Pathologist, has left Singapore to

represent the Straits Settlements

Government at the International

Conference on Leprosy, being held

at Manila from January 9 to 23,

under the auspices of the Leonard

Wood Memorial. During Dr. Tull's

absence until February 4, Dr. H. O.

Hopkins, Government Bacterio-

logist, will be in charge of the

pathological branch.

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The engagement is announced of

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panie du Selangor), youngest son

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Service (retired), and Mrs. Max-

well, of Maryland Estate, Dindings,

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To save the ferry charge of one

anna, a Marwari youth with a

purse containing Rs. 200 started to

ford Subarnarekha river below

Ghatia, but was swept away and

drowned. When the body was re-

covered next day the purse was

missing.

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Two other men are also reported

to have been drowned in Kharkai

river.

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Giving evidence before the Wild

Life Commission, sitting at Tapah,

Mr. B. W. Adams, manager of the

Banopdan Estate, Bidor, said there

were now less elephants. Two had</

BACK FROM LEAVE.

THE JOY OF SIGNING CHITS AGAIN.

AMENITIES OF MALAYA.

Many hundreds of men and women who have just returned from leave must be starting to realize the reward if such one can call it, of living in Malaya, writes G. C. N. in the *Fres' Press*. Perhaps they have come from France, perhaps Switzerland, the majority almost certainly from Great Britain, where, during the Summer they have fed on strawberries to their hearts' content, sniffed the odour of peat smoke in the lonely glen and watched the departing glories of a real British August day.

And now that most of us are back, how many I wonder are sorry? For our benefits here many.

Signing Chits.

To sign a chit's a pleasure we have not been able to enjoy during the whole of our time at Home. No more pockets full of pennies that weigh our trousers down until we earn the disapprobation of our wife, no more dirty one franc notes, no more worries about cashing cheques in outlandish spots. But there are a hundred and fifty such unpleasantries. Take my shirt for instance. I don't of course want you to do this literally but in Britain I must wear my shirt for a week because it costs a small legacy to get it washed. Yes, that clean shirt every day is a joy and a boon. Then there is another matter connected with this very necessary garment of mine. In Malaya when I take my shirt off I am ashamed to say I leave it on the floor where it remains until Ah Took comes at dawn to do my valeting; not so in Acacia Avenue, Wigan—for there I know that I shall find my shirt in exactly the same position as I left it over night. Curse my shirt. And that white suit. Here in Malaya a clean suit every day, whereas if I were in Britain I would wear my second best blue serge for two years, have it clean-



Doctor: "I do not like the look of your wife."

Husband: "Neither do I!"—*Buen Humor*, Madrid.

ed and wear it for another two years. God bless the dhoibie.

What About Whisky?

Now what about whisky? Whisky is 12/6 a bottle at Home, taxed so that every time a gulp shoots over the larynx you feel your child's education premiums are going with it. A dreadful business, that and we can get it here in Malaya for seven or eight shillings. Cigarettes? Well what about them? Cigarettes in Malaya are about 1s. 6d. for 50, in Britain they are 2s. 6d., in France between 4s. and 8s.

Tipping? Who said tipping? If any man know aught against this thing let him declare it now. If you ever want to see a really flustered and unhappy individual, watch a Malayan visitor leaving a seaside hotel in France. Having dealt with the restaurant, femme de chambre, and chef etage he still has several concierges, the conductor, lift boy, the voiturier, the vestaire, the chasseurs, the bagagiste and the telephone to square. Even in Britain it is rather a business to dodge the head-waiter after forked out to two of his satellites, when nothing but a meagre lunch has changed hands. But there it is; tipping is the curse of Europe. And in Malaya no dippin', or not if I can jolly well help it. I remember shortly after coming East I gave in the greenish way that newcomers do, a small pourboire to a Malay tambi to which he replied, "Tuan mau bapu? Roko? Mutt, I hear you say, well possibly we both were."

Malayan Clubs.

And where in the world are you going to get such jolly good clubs as in Malaya? (Hats off, Messrs. Secretaries please). The average London Club is a parking and grousing place for moth-eaten and ageing bodies who have no further use for the world or themselves.

They just sit about waiting for the hand of the reaper to come and feel them a merciful blow with his scythe. But in Malaya, well, it would rather hurt my argument if you looked into the Singapore Club after tiffin. I admit, but on the whole we live a brighter life in comparison.

Sports Clubs. The crowd at an average suburban tennis club in London is rather like a break-up in the family. There are a few old-timers, one or two of whom is about

ARE MEN BURIED ALIVE?

Singular Allegations Made.

CHANGE IN LAWS?

Paris, Dec. 3. Worried by reports such as that of the Rev. Cusley that 1,000 live persons are buried every year in Britain and Dr. Hartmann of Germany, who contends that one person of every 500 buried is really alive, the French Chamber of Deputies is to-day giving serious consideration to a project for making scientific determination of death obligatory before burial.

The Chamber has no idea of how death can be guaranteed, but there are some deputies who favour a "coup de grace," such as the injection of a few drops of deadly poison which will not hurt a dead person, but would bring death to one who was really only "apparently dead."

For some years, deputies have been trying to force such a measure through Parliament, and several projects are gathering dust in the files. M. Arsene Fie introduced the project which the Chamber is studying to-day, whereby all the old projects must be dusted off and studied.

Apparent Death.

M. Fie argues that thousands of Frenchmen grow grey prematurely from worrying over the possibility of being buried alive. He listed a string of 20 causes of death which might put the victim in a state of apparent death, although life was not extinct.

Among them he named epilepsy, anemia due to an abundant hemorrhage, commotion due to fright, lethargy due to alcohol or sleeping sickness, asphyxiation due to strangulation, submersion or toxic gas or impressions such as sudden and great joy, fear, pain or sadness.

M. Fie recited hundreds of cases where persons believed to be dead, rose in their coffins. Some of them were then, in turn, actually frightened to death. He cited the case of one French woman who legally died three times in one morning, twice being revived after having registered as dead.

He recalled one of the most famous cases of rare escapes from being buried alive, that of Prince Masukaha, of Tokyo. During the past year there have been three cases in Europe, one in London, on January 10; a second in Barcelona, February 1, and a third in Milan, March 15.

If the Chamber passes the Fie project, the law will be changed so that the fact of appearing dead does not constitute death. The Government would be obliged to consult the Academies of Medicine and Sciences and evolve some scheme of making sure of death before public services grant the burial permit.—United Press.

IF.

In a husband and wife dispute as to the ownership of property in the Chancery Division, the husband remarked that if he had known this trouble was going to arise he would have kept proper accounts.

Mr. Justice Eve: That is what we shall all say on the day of judgment—and it won't assist us very much. (Laughter).

much as you are ever likely to see of a spot of exercise; and then you'll have to wait about three hours for even that. And talking of tennis, a small matter.

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She is a picture of a mother's struggle to regain her young son who had been lost to her through the circumstances of hardship and poverty.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

LON CHANEY IN "THE UNHOLY THREE."

FIRST LOCAL SCREENING.

"The Unholy Three," which is now showing in the Queen's Theatre, is one of the best crook pictures shown here. Lon Chaney had the leading role and he proved himself a unique actor who used no fewer than five voices in the course of taking two parts, that of Echo, the leader of the Unholy Three, and as Mrs. O'Grady, the old proprietress of a bird shop. He was well supported by Rosie, the pick-pocket (Lila Lee), Hercules the strong man (Ivan Linow), and Midget (Harry Earles).

The picture opens with Echo, Hercules and Midget as members of a freak show, Rosie being attached to it as the "light fingered" artiste, turning over all the body to Echo. The show is closed down by the Police, following a rough house, and then the three men band themselves together as the "Unholy Three," a daring gang of crooks.

Their coups are all planned in a bird shop which they run as a screen. Everything goes well until Hercules and Midget pull off robbery without Echo and they commit murder. The trio then decide to plant a stolen necklace on the young clerk employed in their bird shop to shift the blame on him.

The clerk is tried for his life. Rosie, who has fallen in love with the youth, pleads for his life and Echo at once attends Court as Mrs. O'Grady to give evidence for the defence. He is dramatically unmasked in Court and makes a confession which results in his being put away for five years and Rosie and her lover are thus made happy.

Midget is killed by Hercules, who himself meets with a terrible death at the hands of a huge orang utan.

STATE STREET SADIE.

Conrad Nagel and Myrna Loy are the leading players in Warner Brother's production "State Street Side" which is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and Saturday.

Built up on a plot concerning the underworld we see Nagel as a visitor from South America, who finds his twin brother, a suicide, coupled with the murder of a Police officer. Through the many scenes that follow, there is much excitement, and of course, the inevitable romance. William Russell figures in the supporting cast.

A comedy, entitled "Night Owls," starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, completes the programme.

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"THE VAGABOND KING."

From more than 100 applicants for the parts Paramount selected eight girls as the most perfect types of romantic beauty for the colourful court scenes of the above-named Association on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Purchasers of tickets are invited to attend to witness the draw.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED

IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

January 23—Society of Yorkshiresmen Cabaret-Dinner Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

To-day—Reception to Governor of Macao, Club Lusitano, 5.15 p.m.

January 17—Old Bedfordian Dinner, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"The Unholy Three."

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Sarah and Son."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Chasing through Europe."

To-day—Star Theatre.

"State Street Sadie."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"Carnation Kid."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe

via Siberia (Jeypora and Haruna Maru); from Europe via Negapatam (Patroclus); from America and ports (Empress of Japan).

To-morrow—Inward from Amer-

ica and ports (President Harrison);

Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Haruna Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

January 14—Meeting of Graduates

in the Great Hall of the

University, 5.15 p.m.

January 14—Annual General

Meeting of Boy Scouts' Association,

St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Miscellaneous.

Monday—Hong Kong University

Degree Day.

"STAR" ARRESTED.

ALMA RUBENS FACES DRUG

CHARGE.

Hollywood, Yesterday.

The film star, Alma Rubens, who was arrested on January 6, has furnished G\$5,000 bail in connection with a charge of participating in smuggling narcotics from Mexico.—Reuter's American Service.

It is alleged that Miss Rubens had G\$5,000 worth of drugs hidden in the lining of a cloak. She declares it to be a "frame up."

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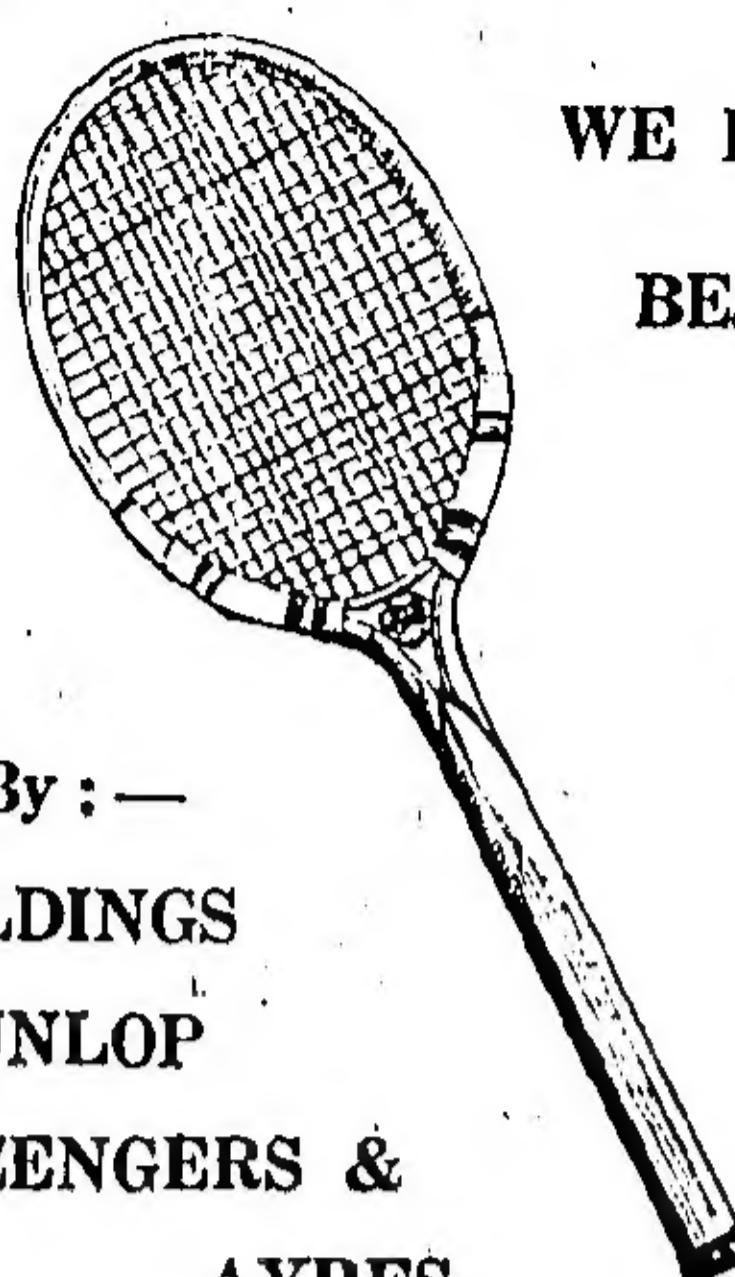
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WHO WILL WIN?

TO-MORROW'S CUP TIES AND LEAGUE GAMES.

[Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Limesman"]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

English Cup—Third Round.
Southport v. Millwall
WOLVES v. Wrexham
TOTTENHAM v. Preston N.E.
CRYSTAL P. v. Reading
SUNDERLAND v. Southampton
BURY v. Torquay
Plymouth v. EVERTON
Aldershot v. BRADFORD
SHEFFIELD U. v. York C.
Gateshead v. WEDNESDAY
BOLTON W. v. Carlisle
OLDHAM v. Watford
NEWCASTLE v. Notts F.
BRENTFORD v. Cardiff
West Ham v. Chelsea
Bristol R. v. Queen's P.R.
CORINTHIANS v. Port Vale
Scarborough v. GRIMSBY
Burnley v. Manchester C.
Leeds U. v. Huddersfield
ARSENAL v. Aston Villa
BURNLEY v. Middlesbrough
LIVERPOOL v. Birmingham
MIDDLESBRO' v. Bradford C.
BLACKBURN v. Walsall
Exeter v. DERBY CO.
LEICESTER v. Brighton
HULL v. Blackpool
Fulham v. PORTSMOUTH
WEST BROM. v. Charlton
NOTTS CO.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division III.—Southern.
Gillingham v. COVENTRY
LUTON v. Norwich
SOUTHERN v. Thame

Division III.—Northern.

ACCINGTON v. New Brighton

Barrow v. Darlington

Rochdale v. STOCKPORT

ROTHERHAM v. Wigan

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v. Aberdeen
AYR v. HAMILTON
CELTIC v. East Fife
CENDEBEATH v. Clyde
DUNDEE v. Morton
HEARTS v. Milmarnock
Leith v. Hibernians
Motherwell v. Rangers
PARTICK v. Falkirk
ST. MIRREN v. Queen's Park

TO-MORROWS SNIPS.

Home.
Wolves.
Bury.
Sheffield United.
Bolton Wanderers.
Oldham.
Newcastle United.
Middlesbrough.
Blackburn Rovers.
Leicester City.
West Bromwich Albion.
Southend.
Celtic.
Partick Thistle.
Away.
Everton.
Bradford.
Wednesday.
Grimbsy.
Derby County.
Stockport.

Comments on Ties.

CUP HOLDERS AT HOME TO THE VILLA.

It may be topical to reproduce, in part, our comments (slightly revised) on the draw for to-morrow when it was first published:

The Cup-holders, Arsenal, have the luck of playing at home, their opponents being Aston Villa.

Huddersfield, the runners-up, visit Leeds United and may at least draw.

Sunderland should account for Southampton and Bury for Torquay. Sheffield United should have an easy passage against York City. The Wednesday's visit to Gateshead should not give them much anxiety, and the same can be said in regard to Bolton Wanderers' match against Carlisle. Newcastle United should account for Notts Forest; but there ought to be a real ding-dong struggle between West Ham and Chelsea, with extra time probable.

Manchester City visit Burnley and need not expect a runaway victory over the Second League Club. The other Manchester team—United—have also to travel, their hosts being Stoke.

Two First Division Clubs—Liverpool and Birmingham—clash on the former's ground; the Liverpudlians should win.

Middlesbrough are lucky to have Bradford City at home, and Blackburn Rovers are even more fortunate in having Walsall as visitors.

"Pompey" To Travel.

Derby County travel to Exeter and ought to be a good thing for the fourth round. Leicester will be at home to Brighton and should win with a goal or two in hand. Portsmouth visit Fulham, where they should get a rousing reception—and a credit balance in goals.

Of the other ties, Millwall visit Southport (Northern League), and will have to go all the way to win. A fare encountered should be witnessed between Tottenham Hotspur and Preston North End. Crystal Palace will give Reading

the third round.

The Corinthians come into the ties for the first time (having been exempted from previous rounds), their opponents being Port Vale, who will make a stern struggle of it.

Two Second Division Clubs—Barnsley and Bristol City—meet at Ashton.

The outcome is uncertain.

At last Notts County have the luck of the draw and play Swindon at Nottingham. This should be one of the most exciting series

of the third round.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting time for Sunday at Fanling:

9.20 a.m. A. B. Stewart, J. H. Raikes.

9.24 " O. Eager, W. J. Clark.

9.28 " H. C. Shrubsole, A. O. Brown.

9.32 " E. Taylor, H. A. Miller.

9.36 " A. G. Meredith, A. F. Judd.

9.40 " C. B. Terde, G. A. Lisper.

9.44 " J. des Voeux, N. K. Littlejohn.

9.48 " L. G. S. Dodwell, H. U. Ireland.

9.52 " C. E. Holmes, T. Low.

9.56 " P. Morrison, H. G. Mills.

10.00 " D. J. Gilmore, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.04 " A. H. Pein, V. R. Gordon.

10.08 " D. Lyon, G. H. Dunnett.

10.12 " R. K. Hepburn, D. Forbes.

10.16 " J. P. Valentine, H. Spiller.

10.20 " A. C. I. Bowker, J. D. H. Crawford.

10.24 " R. H. Wild, J. R. Collis.

10.28 " A. E. Stone, W. N. Buyers.

10.32 " A. N. Macfadyen, Q. A. Macfadyen.

10.36 " A. D. Humphreys, J. Hinton.

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12.08 " C. E. Moore, R. S. W. Paterson.

12.12 " F. S. Grant, T. S. Marshall.

12.16 " R. W. Taplin, J. B. Laney.

12.20 " Capt. Williams, C. W. Jeffries.

12.24 " J. F. Sherry, W. A. Weight.

HOCKEY.

K.B.S.F.P.A. AGAIN WIN CONVINCINGLY.

The K.B.S.F.P.A. added another victory to their already formidable list when they defeated the University XI, on the home ground at King's Park yesterday afternoon by four goals to one.

The home team scored first through Whitley and before half-time H. Pearce netted a second. On the resumption of play, Francis put the K.B.S. further in the lead. Then Wooley scored for the Varsity. Before the final whistle sounded, H. Pearce added the F.P.A.'s fourth goal.

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He heard talk of So-and-so being a good "hooker" of "front-row," "middle-row," and "back-row" forwards, and wondered what the expressions meant.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.		
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 20, 1930)	Haruna Maru	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London December 18, 1930)	Joypore	
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20)	Empress of Japan	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.		
Shanghai and Swatow	Sui Yang	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 12)	President Harrison	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjisaroea	
MONDAY, JANUARY 12.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 20; 1930)	Asama Maru	
Manila	President Madison	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 19)	President Pierce	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.		
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.		
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.	Kashmir	
Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21.	
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OUTWARD MAILS

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.	
Samshui & Wuchow	Kong Ning
Saigon	Haldis
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.	4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru (Due Marseilles, Feb. 7.)
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Registration ... Jan. 10, 9 a.m.	Registration ... Jan. 10, 9:45 a.m.
Letters ... 10 a.m.	Letters ... 10:30 a.m.
Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane	Haruna Maru, connecting with Nieuw Holland at Singapore. (Due Brisbane, Feb. 3.)
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	Jeypore
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Manila	11:30 a.m.
Empress of Japan	3:30 p.m.
President Harrison	5 p.m.
Formosa	Benlendi
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11.	5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 12.	Hoza Maru
Swatow	9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco	Hydrangea
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.	3 p.m.
Batavia	Tjbodas
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining
Swatow	2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.	Chak Sang
Japan	9:30 a.m.
Sandakan	Kitano Maru
Amoy	Yu Sang
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.	10:30 a.m.
Straits	Tai Yuan
Dairen	3:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.	Van Heutz
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Rhexenor
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	5 p.m.
K.P.O.	Hal Ching
Parcels ... Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m.	1 p.m.
Registration ... Jan. 17, 9 a.m.	
Letters ... 10 a.m.	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.	10:30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mau Sang
Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang
MONDAY, JANUARY 19.	10 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tai Ping (Due Thursday Island, Jan. 31.)
Parcels ... Jan. 19, 5 p.m.	
Registration ... Jan. 20, 9:45 a.m.	
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Bookies "on the Brink of Ruin."

"HONEST FRED."

Let us call him "Honest Fred." His bowler that was grey, his waistcoat actionable, his voice awful. He was one of the gigantic cohort of bookies at Manchester on Saturday for the last day of flat racing, writes D.D. in the Daily Express. It was a beautiful Manchester afternoon—athishoo!

Smoke and sleet and slush.

Honest Fred had his pitch in a puddle. His clerk, a disillusioned man in gold pince-nez, worked slowly and mournfully, only raising his head to say, "Speak up, can't 'ear yer."

"Wot A Day!"

Honest Fred also employed a gentleman in a Gladstone collar to hang on the pole of the big umbrella and look like tent peg. This official was reciting a litany which ran, "Lumme, ain't it wet, me collar's soaked; lumme ain't it wet, wet. Wot a day!"

The three together were impressive.

"Seventy half sovs to a half sov—put it down!"

"Speak up, can't 'ear yer!"

"Lumme, ain't it wet, me collar's soaked, lumme ain't it wet, wet a day!"

I approached Honest Fred. "Where are you going for your holidays?" I asked cheerily.

"Carey Street," said Honest Fred.

"What can you give me on Richborough?"

"Sixteens."

"But man alive, they're offering twenty-fives all round."

"Who do you think I am—Lady 'Ouston?" snapped Honest Fred.

Brink Of Ruin.

It was a singular thing. Throughout that great course on Saturday there must have been more than 2,000 bookies. And every one was on the brink of ruin!

"It's the end of the season, thank heaven," grumbled a portly bookmaker with three diamond rings on his fingers and a bulging satchel. "It's going to be a hard struggle until next year."

"What price Richborough?"

Tens."

"But Honest Fred offered six-teens," I complained.

"Rockless," said the fat bookmaker, "very reckless."

The pity of it! These splendid fellows, broken and insolvent, had yet turned up to a man to say farewell to the flat season. And, according to the tradition of Last Day, Mrs. Bookie had come as well. Staunch to the end in her last chinchilla coat and the only remaining car, with only a few paltry canapé sandwiches and a sip of champagne for her frugal luncheon, she attended to be by her husband's side at the last grim struggle.

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University Second Eleven.

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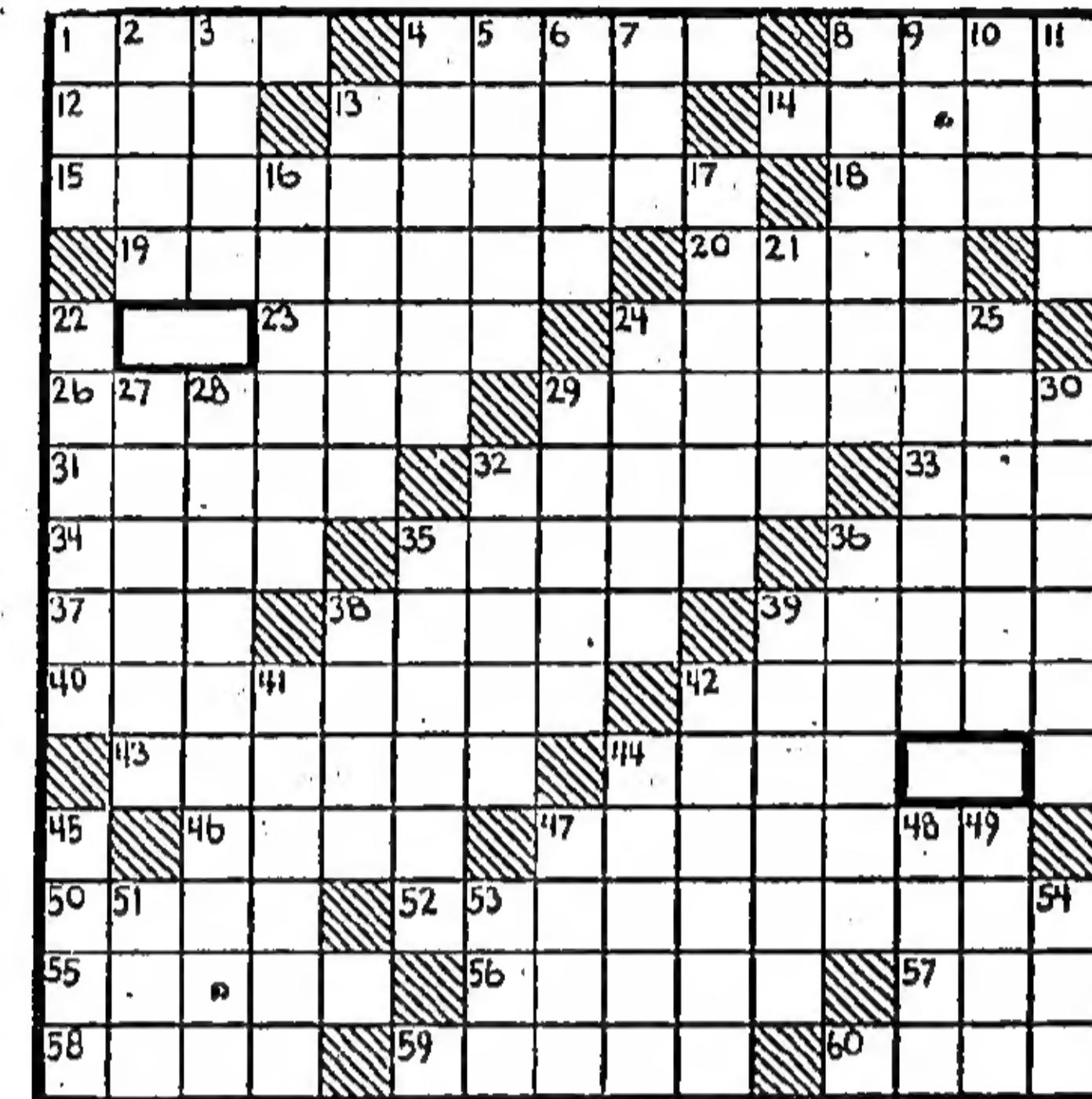
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL		HORIZONTAL (Cont.)		VERTICAL (Cont.)	
1-Petty quarrel	4-Legal documents	47-American portrait painter	50-Dessert (pl.)	13-Those who enclose in cases	16-Clauses
8-Thin nail	12-Curve	52-A school of higher education (pl.)	55-Islands (post.)	17-Outdated coverings	21-Long periods of time
13-Orange-red dyestuff	14-Grecian Island	56-European	57-Blackbird	22-Impassive	24-Junctions
15-Holders	16-Malt liquor (pl.)	58-House animal	59-Indian wigmam	25-In a negative manner	26-Indian wigwam
19-Regaled	20-Relatives	60-Playthings	61-Wife	29-Sapped	30-Tobacco left in a pipe after smoking
22-Draze	24-Temporary governor	62-Without compassion	63-An age	33-Marks denoting omission	34-Units of work
26-High male voices	29-Vexed	64-Without	65-Varity of tiger	35-Less strong	36-Units of work
31-Baking places	32-Grinding machines	1-Pouch	41-Obliterates	39-Variety of tiger	40-Varity of duck
33-Lion (Latin)	34-Lotters	2-College teacher (slang)	42-Who warns	41-Cop	42-French city
35-Ice-cream containers	36-Sheet tears	3-Eruptive skin disease	43-Outer coating of fruit (pl.)	43-Cop	44-Variety of duck
37-Girl's name	38-Roof edges	4-Albumen of egg (pl.)	44-Frozen	44-Friendly	45-Prefix. Equal
39-Press hard upon	40-Restrained	5-Outer coating of fruit (pl.)	7-Sailor	45-Pelee	46-Pen
42-Animal	43-Funeral hymns	6-Frozen	8-Indian warriors	46-Rated	
44-Financial institution	45-Funeral pyre	9-Without compassion	10-Corredor	47-Tret	
46-Of great size		11-Writing table	12-An age	48-Atic	

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on January 1, 1931, is as under:

City and Hill District.

	1930	1931
Tytam	18' 8" B	23' 7" B
Tytam Byewash	19' 5" B	21' 4" B
Tytam Intermediate	0' 7" B	0' 2" B
Tytam Tuk	18' 1" B	17' 1" B
Wong Nel Chung	18' 1" B	17' 9" B
Pokfulam	10' 1" B	17' 1" B
Total	1,801.93	1,487.04
Consumption in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.	1,801.93	1,487.04
Consumption per head per day ...	16.5	19.0
December, 1930.—During the whole month a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.-6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal mains closed (6 p.m.-6 a.m.).		
December, 1930.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was interrupted from December 1 to 31, 1930.		
Kowloon	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	0' 2" A	2' 10" B
Shek Lai Pci Reservoir	9' 11" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	1' 8" B	1' 9" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	854.24	823.50
Shek Lai Pci Reservoir	12.22	11.51
Reception Reservoir	28.76	23.76
Total	482.27	461.58
Consumption of water in Kowloon		

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	ATIC

In millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1930	1931	
295.00	212.98	
3.03	2.18	
102.65	104.93	
767.42	1,083.83	
10.55	11.55	
42.38	29.94	
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TALKIE TALKS

by
Diana



There is no question about it. Robert Montgomery is scheduled for prime favourite with the cinema patrons. We will all adore him in "Blushing Brides" due in the Queen's Theatre shortly. Oh! yes; how foolish of me—one of my best bets. Joan Crawford leads the same trio of modern girls, Anita Page and Dorothy Sebastian. The story tells of the adventures of three department store beauties, one a model. Joan is the latter, and, as usual, her histrionic powers are alternated with states of undress. Tragedy follows the three girls as wealthy men try to win them one way or another. Quite daring, but most certainly entertaining, and an excellent cast, including Hedda Hopper, Raymond Hackett, and John Miljan. I have to hand a bouquet to little Anta. It is the best thing she has done for a long while. I make no comment about Joan's work, because all she does is as near perfection as the sum can make. Do I advise you seeing it at least twice? Certainly!

In a recent search for real camera beauty Joan Crawford was chosen as the most perfect type. The late Barbara in Marr and Corinne Griffith possessed beauty that was indisputable, Joan is by no means strictly beautiful, but her features would have thrived Greek sculptors, and she is in such perfect physical condition, which gives her such grace and poise. Joan uses no make-up in the street and takes daily sun baths which give her an even tan from tip to toe. Dresses very simply now—nearly always in one colour made in straight lines. Never spends any time in beauty parlours, but the dance instructor, gymnasium and swimming are her daily regime. Well worth considering. Yes?

At last "The Vagabond King" in the Central Theatre. It is a gorgeous colour spectacle of song, romance, and intrigue. Dennis King possesses a splendid voice, and combines with it a dramatic quality. Jeanette MacDonald looks lovely and sings well. The British actor, O. P. Heggie almost steals the picture. Warner Oland and Lillian Roth, too, more especially in the revival meeting scene. Someone asked me if that were not an exaggeration. Far from it. One has to see these darkies to appreciate how intensely human, well-meaning, enthusiastic, and deeply religious they all are. It is almost pathetic. I wish we could be shown one of the greatest pictures I have ever seen, "Hallucination." It would be an eye opener to many people here, and they would glimpse what the feelings are of these much-to-be-pitied people. Perhaps in one way to be envied, because they find so much solace in their belief.

Lon Chaney speaks. Charles Chaplin alone stands voiceless outside the gate. Of course you remember Lon in the silent version. The tale of three sideshow scoundrels. Echo the ventriloquist, Hercules the Giant, and the Midget. The trio take possession of a bird shop, and Echo, posing as an old woman, palms silent parrots on unsuspecting patrons by resorting to ventriloquism. Delivery of the birds gives a chance to look over wealthy homes. Chaney produces five voices. It is a story in a hundred and Chaney is matchless. We want to go and see this wonderful man with the feeling that the good lives after him. It could not die with him, thanks to the genius of the talkies. Chaney would not like maudlin sentimentality. There was no self-pity in his make-up. He worked terribly hard to gain his end. Imagine a harness round the shoulders that held him for hours in a vice-like grip. One eye blanketed out, false teeth and a plastic material altering completely the shape of his mouth. He literally suffered agonies, but he hated to hold up a picture, and worked against the most fearful odds. Talk to any of the staff on

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Greta Garbo is being soundly spanked by the thousands of cinema patrons who write to the movie magazines, because they dislike the way she ignores their letters and requests. The love of privacy that some of these stars crave is all right in its way, but they are more or less the servants of a fickle public, and, after all, it is Mr. and Mrs. Public who keep them in their stellar positions. Marlene Dietrich threatens the throne held by Greta, so she is becoming more human, and actually was recently seen

day on the beach at Malibu, dining in restaurants, and even a party. It set all Hollywood gossiping.

Charles Chaplin has thrown down the gauntlet, and is gambling on "City Lights" to revolutionise the film industry more or less. I think I told you in reel after reel of "Morocco" (Marlene Dietrich and Gary Cooper's great hit) there is not even sound. Charles was talking like a father to Harold Lloyd at a recent dinner party and argued that their style of comedy is based on situation, not dialogue. The voice detracts from the essential humour of a real comedy situation; and, what is more, Harold agreed, and admits that he will talk as little as possible in his next picture. There are sound and music, in "City Lights" flatly refuses to speak. He claims there is a big market for the silents, and that about one-third of the New Year releases will carry out his statement. The only universal language ever known was the silent picture. I think he is right. We will adopt the Asquith policy—

Mary Pickford recently gave the most perfectly managed successful dinner dance in the Ambassador's to welcome back from Europe the friend and patron of the motion picture industry, Randolph Hearst. People vied with each other to be seen there. Only the MOST successful landed an invitation. Marie Dresser was the belle of the ball. Gorgeously gowned in deep purple with diamonds and an ermine wrap, she was, as usual, the centre of the gayest group, and was chosen by Mr. Hearst as his partner to open the ball. Mary in a gown of white chiffon with thousands of iridescent beads covering it, and a huge corsage of white orchids on her shoulder, sat at a large table with her guest of honour on her right and her husband on her left (I ask you!) At this table she was the only woman amongst the heads of all the various studios. At small tables dotted round the room sat the other guests. The belle of Gloria Swanson sat with our own Sir Philip Sassoon, Charlie Chaplin, Marian Davies, and Harry Crocker the millionaire. The decorations were orchids, gardenias and roses. Evelyn Laye sang two songs amidst a great applause. Some party, believe it or not!

Dolores del Rio has been seriously ill, and the production of "The Dove" has been postponed. Renee Adoree has to remain in the Arizona Sanitarium for another year, but Lila Lee is better and will shortly be married to John Farwell, the writer.

Lottie Howell, seen and liked in "In Old Madrid," was a member of the Broadcasting Studio controlled by Roxy. She is doing well in pictures now. The romance of Virginia Valli and Charles Farrell still flourishes. Norma Talmadge is back from the Riviera—no picture plans as yet.

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Discussion is proceeding upon the specific heads drawn up by the Chairman, Sir William Jowitt and considerable time has been spent on questions of the changes towards an all-India service, the desirability of securing an element of European recruitment, and the responsible authority for such recruitment.

Defence Questions.

The Defence Sub-Committee of the Conference has considered the following heads:—

First, Indianisation in the army, including the establishment of an Indian Sandhurst.

Secondly, the question as to whether any separate force should be raised and maintained outside the regular army, on the lines discussed in last Saturday's Committee report, and the Government of India dispatch.

Thirdly, the establishment of a Military Council.

Fourthly, the financial stability of India for costs of defence.

Lord Peel, the Conservative delegate, is addressing the Federal Structure Committee to-day.—British Wireless Service.

Britain's Policy.

London, Yesterday.

An important announcement of the Government's intentions in relation to the Round Table Conference was made by Lord Sankey at the Federal Structure Sub-Committee meeting. He said Mr. MacDonald would consider the reports of the committees, and make a declaration of the Government's policy and intentions at the plenary meeting at the end of next week, or the beginning of the week following.

Lord Sankey said he believed that a solution of their difficulties would be found along the lines of the most helpful and valuable contribution to the discussion made by Lord Reading. He was sure, however, that all parties desired to join in taking steps to restore peace and prosperity to India, and satisfy the ambitions and aspirations of her wisest sons. "I have no doubt that before long she will realise them." (Loud applause.) —Reuter.

SLUMP IN SILVER.

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dumping has caused the abnormal fall in the value of silver and China has been the greatest sufferer.]

Canada Steps In.

Rome, Yesterday. It is noteworthy that this silver loan suggestion last night dovetails with the plans of the Canadian Ministry of Trade, which is credited here with the proposal for a £200,000,000 loan to China, with the object of restoring the value of silver and aiding China's rehabilitation.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Stevens, the Canadian Minister for Trade, referring to the Prime Minister's speech on December 31, in which he stated Canadians taking steps to arrange a large loan for China to enable the marketing of wheat and other Canadian products in the Orient, stressed the necessity for co-operative action with other countries to rehabilitate the financing of Oriental countries.

He said the proposal had secured a strong measure of support among the leading bankers of the world, as raising the standards of eastern civilisation would involve an increase of their buying power, thus supplying a market for the commodities of Canada, other North American and European countries.

STABBING AFFRAY SEQUEL.

As a sequel to the stabbing affair at the Kowloon Godowns, when two men were removed to hospital with wounds in the stomach, Leung Yu was charged in the Kowloon Court to-day with cutting and wounding Ho Cho and Yip Sik. A charge of common assault on Lo Hin and Wan Shu was also preferred.

A remand of a further week was granted, one of the patients still being in hospital.

grandson of Wang Yun-kun, of Castle Peak Road.

Sub-Inspector Hourihan prosecuted. The child was playing outside the house with several companions, when defendant attempted to remove the bangle from the child's wrist. On failing to do so, he ran away, but cries from the children attracted an Indian constable, who caught defendant.

Defendant denied snatching the bangle, and said that he was running because of the cries of "snatch bangle."

Mr. Butters convicted and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment.

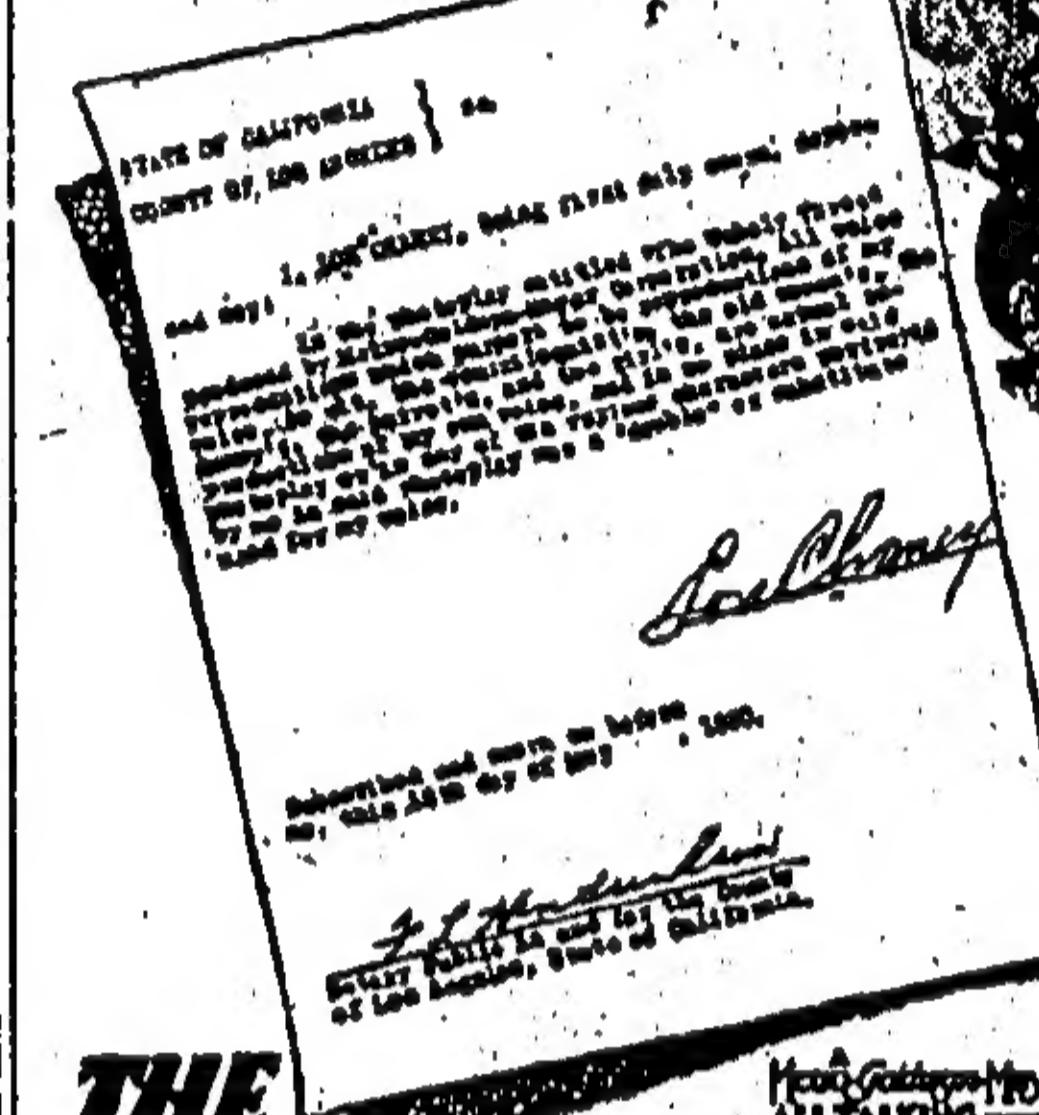
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